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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
CONTROLLING A SHUTDOWN OF AN
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 7

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 1, 11, and 20 as follows:

Sub 1
1. (Amended) An apparatus for controlling the shutdown of an internal combustion
engine, comprising:

an intake manifold configured to conduct an intake charge of air to an intake port of the
internal combustion engine;

5 a throttle configured to alter said intake charge of air to said intake port of the internal
combustion engine; and

a computerized controller configured to control said throttle such that a substantial
termination of said intake charge of air is provided during the shutdown of the internal
combustion engine.